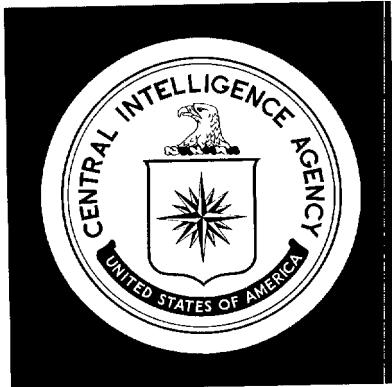


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NOTES

HONDURAS - EL SALVADOR: An agreement may be signed soon, ending the hostilities that resulted from the 1969 "soccer war."

both sides appear optimistic about reaching some general settlement that might normalize relations and reopen the Pan American Highway. The border dispute might be referred to international arbitration as a means of appeasing Honduran President Cruz, who is taking an extremely legalistic stand on border delineation. Meanwhile, military commanders from both countries continue to meet informally in the disputed frontier area to explore ways of preventing sporadic clashes by their trigger-happy subordinates.

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